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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Anne M. Hines

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 April 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4-8 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 12 April 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 10/2005, 4/2005.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

Claims 4-8 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim cannot depend from another multiple dependent claim. See MPEP § 608.01(n). Accordingly, the claims 4-8 have not been further treated on the merits.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over German Patent DE 200 07 134 U 1 (of record) (copy provided with English machine translation and English abstract) in view of Labib et al. (US 5268614).

Regarding claims 1 and 3, DE '134 teaches a luminous body for generating light, characterized in that it is provided with a combination of light-emitting diodes radiating blue light and a white light emitting fluorescent lamp (Fig. 1, 6; trans. Page 1, Paragraph 10; trans. Page 2, Paragraphs 5-6). DE '134 is silent regarding the phosphors of the white light emitting fluorescent lamp.

In the same field of endeavor of white light emitting fluorescent lamps, Labib teaches that a white light emitting lamp has red, green, and blue phosphors in order to

provide well-resolved spectral lines and allow for adjustment of the color temperature of the lamp (Column 1, lines 33-46).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to have the invention of DE '134 have a fluorescent lamp with red and green phosphors, since a tri-color fluorescent lamp with red, green, and blue phosphors provides well-resolved spectral lines and allows for adjustment of the color temperature of the lamp, as disclosed by Labib.

Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over DE 200 07 134 U 1 (copy provided with English machine translation and English abstract) and Labib et al. (US 5268614) in view of Duggal et al. (US 6538371).

Regarding claim 2, DE '134 and Labib teach the invention of claim 1, but DE '134 is silent regarding the material of the blue light emitting LEDs.

In the same field of endeavor of blue LEDs for illumination systems, Duggal teaches wherein a blue LED is conventionally formed of InGaN for white light emitting applications (Column 1, lines 9-24).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the invention of DE '134 and Labib to have the blue LEDs be formed of InGaN, as disclosed by Duggal, since this is a conventional material for blue LEDs in illumination applications and one of ordinary skill in the art would be required to choose a blue LED from among those known in the art in order to practice the invention of DE '134 and Labib.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anne M. Hines whose telephone number is (571) 272-2285. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:00-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nimesh Patel can be reached on (571) 272-2457. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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